

## Abstract

### PERIPHERAL DRIVER FORWARD COMPATIBILITY

5 A method (200) for generating a device driver in an information processing apparatus (101) for a device connected thereto, such as a printer (115), is disclosed. The method (100) obtains a Printer Characterisation File (PCF) which contains a characterisation of the device (115) or a group of devices. The device driver is then generated by using the PCF to configure a Device Model Independent Printer Driver (DMIPD) stored with an  
10 application on an unchangeable memory, such as a CD-ROM.